

Area Code 209

April 6, 2015

Mr. Jeffrey Parks
State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Water Rights
Water Quality Certification Program
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Mr. Parks:

As a Tuolumne Utilities District customer, and on behalf of our residents, the City of Sonora strongly supports the Mitigated Negative Declaration of PG&E's Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project that proposes that PG&E be allowed to lower the surface elevation of Pinecrest Lake, until and including Labor Day each year, from the current minimum elevation of 5,608 feet to a range of minimum elevations between 5,606 feet and 5,600 feet, depending on the water year type as defined in the existing certification.

Last year, the City and our residents, supported significant water conservation measures due to drought conditions facing our community. It is essential for the health and well-being of the City, its residents and Tuolumne County that TUD be able to draw down Pinecrest Lake as described above for the water consumption needs and safety of the community.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Stearn, Mayor City of Sonora

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